

**MINUTES  
ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY  
TRI-ANNUAL MEETING  
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST 24, 2018**

**Board Members Present:**

Shirley R. Madigan, Chairman;  
Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman/Secretary;  
Rich Daniels; Beth Boosalis Davis;  
Lisa Dent Flesner; Christina K. Gidwitz;  
Desiree Grode; Jodie S. Kavensky;  
Valerie King; Jennifer Levine; Gary Matts;  
Peggy Montes; Sheila M. O'Brien;  
Christina Steelman; Tim Touhy; Don Wiener

**Board Members Absent:**

Jill Arena; Henry D. Godinez; Cecilia Rodhe;  
Howard Tullman

Chairman Madigan called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M. She thanked the Board members for attending the vitally important meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2018 BOARD MEETING**

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the Minutes of the May 18, 2018 Board meeting, as presented in the Board book under Tab 1, be approved. The motion carried.

**FISCAL REPORT**

- **FY18 12- MONTH FINANCIAL REPORT**

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY18 12-Month Financial Report ending June 30, 2018, as presented in the Board book under Tab 2, be approved. The motion carried.

**BUDGET REPORT**

- **FY19 BUDGET**

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY19 Budget, as presented in the Board book under Tab 3, be approved. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF FY19 GRANTS**

It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY19 Grants, as presented in the Board book under Tab 4, pages 1-19, be approved. The motion carried.

**ABSTENTIONS: Beth Boosalis Davis 0119 Northlight Theatre, 0175 Steppenwolf Theatre Company; Christina K. Gidwitz 0654 Loyola University Chicago, 0308 Lyric Opera of Chicago, 0253 Ryan Opera Center; Shirley R. Madigan 0654 Loyola University Chicago, 0565 Northwestern University; Peggy Montes 0575 Art Institute of Chicago, 0593 Bronzeville Children's Museum, 0574, 0378, 0380, 0385, 0541 School of the Art Institute; Christina Steelman 0104 Art of a Social Nature; Don Wiener 0636 Rivendell Theatre Ensemble.**

## RATIFICATION OF FY18 GRANTS

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the FY18 Grants, as presented in the Board book under Tab 5, page 1, be ratified. The motion carried.**

**ABSTENTIONS: Christina K. Gidwitz 0532 Illinois Executive Mansion Association.**

## FISCAL YEAR 2019 PROGRAMS SUMMARY

In FY2018 the IACA was able to reinstate programs that had been put on hiatus during the budget impasse. That included Artstour & Live Music, Individual Artist Support, StArts, and Arts and Foreign Language. For FY2019 the Agency will also reinstate the Artist Fellowship Program and Literary Awards.

In October of 2018, the IACA and Arts Alliance Illinois will once again partner on One State Together in the Arts, a statewide conference for arts advocates, administrators, educators, funders, and practitioners representing the broad range of creative activity and disciplines found across Illinois. The IACA shall use this forum for gathering vital information and exchanging ideas for our new strategic plan. This year's conference will be held in the community of Galesburg, Illinois.

## GUIDELINES DESIGN MODERNIZATION

Over the past several months the redesign of all twelve IACA program guidelines was implemented and completed. The focus of the work was to update editorial and structural changes that were needed. After an extensive amount of review and research, an abundance of key information was used to determine improvements to streamline the application process. The new guidelines design creates both enhanced clarity and accessibility for the IACA's grantees.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman provided Board members with an update on recent IACA activities. She thanked the Board for their excellent service in chairing the IACA panels throughout the spring and summer, which enabled the review of over six hundred, FY19 applications. Chairman Madigan noted that due to a requirement that the IACA implement and pay for newly mandated initiatives from the Governor's office, a slight increase was received in our appropriation for FY19.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The focus of the IACA continues to be on the recovery from the Illinois State budget impasse. Retirements and attrition during the impasse reduced the Agency's Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to eight staff members. When a full budget was received, the priority of the Agency was to fill all vacant positions to both ease the burden on the limited staff and to ensure programs ran smoothly. By the end of the calendar year the IACA will have returned the Governor's approved FTE headcount to 14. Job responsibilities and IACA procedures have also been examined and redistributed to ensure a balanced workload throughout the staff.

In addition, and as part of the new Strategic Plan, the Agency has begun updating its style guide and branding. This includes design changes to all of the guidelines, webinars, instructional videos, constituent documents, and the website. This will allow the IACA to present a cohesive look which establishes a strong brand voice that is easily recognizable and can resonate within the state.

**It was moved by Rhoda Pierce and seconded that the Illinois Arts Council Agency, having completed its scheduled business, be adjourned. The motion carried.**

Chairman Madigan adjourned the meeting at 10:22 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda A. Pierce, Vice Chairman/Secretary